GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Opening of Retail Hubs Near Stations
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has taken a decision to open retail hubs near railway stations;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the details of income generated till date by selling/leasing land near railway stations;
(d) whether the Railways is formulating any plan to ensure participation of educated unemployed youth in opening retail hubs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a) to (c): Railways do not have any plans for opening of retail hubs near Railway stations. However, Railways have identified 197 stations for developing Multi Functional Complexes (MFCs) for providing rail user facilities such as shopping, food stalls and restaurants, book stalls, medicine & variety stores, budget hotels (subject to viability) and underground parking, etc. Railways do not sell the land. However, Railway has earned ` 1190 cr. from leasing of land near railway stations for commercial purposes and ` 52.90 cr. from leasing of land for MFCs at Railway stations.
(d) & (e): Development of MFCs is undertaken through open competitive bidding/tendering process and any one fulfilling the eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions as stipulated in tender document can participate.
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